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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN-COSTA RICAN AGREEMENT ON CUBA

1. BOGOTA PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT COLOMBIAN AND COSTA RICAN FORMINS LIZVANO AND FACIO SIGNED AN AGREEMENT YESTERDAY CALLING FOR THE SU MISSION TO THE OAS "WITHIN A BRIEF PERIOD" OF A PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE THE CUBAN ISSUE. REFERRING TO THE CONCERN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OVER "DEVELOPMENTS IN INTER-AMERICAN POLICY IN THE CASE OF CUBA AND THEIR ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE HEMISPHERE'S JURIDICAL SYSTEM," THE END OF THE COLD WAR AND OF BIPOLARITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD POWER, AND THE PRESENT STATE OF INEFFECTIVENESS OF OAS SANCTIONS, THE ACCORD SAID AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE OAS WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION. THE AGREEMENT DID NOT, HOWEVER, DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE.

2. IN A SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE, FONMIN LIZVANO EXPRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOC ATTRIBUTED TO THE OAS AS "THE FRUIT OF JOINT EFFORTS TO CREATE A JURIDICAL STRUCTURE WHICH PLACES ALL THE STATES OF THE CONTINENT, WHATEVER THEIR ECONOMIC OR MILITARY

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POWER, ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. WE THEREFORE DO NOT CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO WEAKEN OR DESTROY IT IN THE PROCESS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE HEMISPHERE." REFERRING TO FACIO'S VISIT, LIEVANO DESCRIBED HIM AS "AN OUTSTANDING SPOKESMAN OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF A MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SOLVE THE CUBAN PROBLEM SATISFACTORILY AND WITH DUE RESPECT FOR THE POSITION OF PRIME MIN FIDEL CASTRO, WITHOUT AFFECTING THE SURVIVAL OF THE OAS."

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTED A STATEMENT BY FACIO WHICH CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE OAS AND, REGARDING REMOVAL OF CUBAN SANCTIONS, STATED THAT 17 COUNTRIES FAVORED IT, WHICH PROVIDED A SUFFICIENT MAJORITY FOR PROMPT ACTION. FACIO SAID AN URGENT MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COMMITTEE WOULD BE CALLED NEXT WEEK TO EXAMINE THE CUBAN SITUATION, THAT CANCELLATION OF THE SANCTIONS WAS "IMMINENT", AND THAT "THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED SO MUCH IN THE LAST DECADE THAT CUBA AT THIS MOMENT CONSTITUTES NO DANGER TO PEACE (IN THE AMERICAS)".

4. BEFORE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT AND ISSUING THEIR STATEMENTS, LIEVANO AND FACIO HAD A WORKING LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY COLOMBIA'S ROVING AMB ANDRADE.

5. AMB HAS APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN AT 3 PM TODAY.
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